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The Honorable Kay Granger
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The Honorable Rosa DeLauro
Ranking Member
Committee on Appropriations
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Dear Chairwoman Granger and Ranking Member DeLauro

I am requesting funding for Military Construction to build an Advanced Helicopter Training System (AHTS) aircraft maintenance hangar in fiscal year 2024. The entity to receive funding for this project is Naval Air Station (NAS) Whiting Field, Milton, Florida, located at N60508 NAS Whiting Field, Milton, Florida (7550 USS Essex St, Milton FL, 32570).

The funding would be used to construct an Advanced Helicopter Training System (AHTS) aircraft maintenance hangar with capacity for servicing 37 of the 130 new helicopters being procured for the AHTS and space for three-helicopter pilot training squadrons. The building consists of one drive-through, high-bay hangar with crew, equipment, training, administrative, data-network areas, and a limited food vending area. Construction will consist of a steel-framed super structure bearing on shallow concrete foundations, which will provide resilience during severe storms that routinely impact northwest Florida. This hangar will house the existing fleet of TH-73 helicopter and provide room for expansion.

The project has a federal nexus because the requested funding would be for purposes authorized by 10 U.S.C. Chapter 169.

I certify that neither I nor my immediate family has any financial interest in this project.

Sincerely,



Matt Gaetz
Member of Congress